

Docket No.: 50395-124

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto KATAYAMA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/993,410

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: OPTICAL DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2882

Examiner: Caley, Michael

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003.

The claims are presented in the revised amendment format described in the Pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, regarding waiver of the current provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(a)-1.121(d). Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Please delete the title and insert the following new title:

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